Fire in the Talcher Fertilizer Plant

731. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out in the turbine unit of the Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Dhankanel district of Orissa recently following a leak in the plant's naphtha pipe line;

(b) whether this is due to overflowing a nullah outside the factory premises;

(c) what is the number of labourers who sustained injuries as a result thereof; and

(d) what assistance has been rendered to the sufferers in terms of cash and kind?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There was no fire in the turbine unit of the Talcher fertilizer Plant. However, there was naphtha overflow from one of the storage tanks. This naphtha caught fire in the drain outside the plant battery limits and spread to the 'Ash Pond', resulting in power failure.

(c) and (d) A villager, who happened to be in the vicinity of the drain, succumbed to the burn injuries he accidentally received on account of the fire. As an immediate measure purely, a sum of Rs. 500 was paid by the Fertilizer Corporation of India to the next of kin, for funeral expenses. Compensation aspect would be taken care of separately. No employees were injured.

Assistance to beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme

732. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise the minimum amount of assistance to beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme and NREP.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the time by when the new limit will be put into operation; and

(d) the number of households which are likely to be benefited by the increased limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (d) In the Seventh Five Year Plan for Integrated Rural Development Programme, a higher investment per family (including subsidy and credit) in the case of new beneficiaries has been emphasised. The target of new beneficiaries for 1985-86 is one million.

Under National Rural Employment Programme, wage employment is provided to work seekers. No financial assistance is provided, hence there is no question of raising of the minimum amount.

Drought situation in Andhra Pradesh

733. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central team for studying the drought situation in Andhra Pradesh has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative by when the report is expected to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reports of the Central Teams are based on their on the spot observation, discussions with the officials and the representatives of the

people of the States, guidelines and norms. The report of the Central Team for Andhra Pradesh is under examination.

(c) Question does not arise.

Responsibility of District Magistrate/ Superintendent Police for atrocities on SC/ST

734. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued certain instructions to the State Governments to the effect that wherever atrocities are committed on SC/ST, the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police concerned may be held responsible for it;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of cases since the issuance of these instructions in which District Magistrate/Superintendent Police have been held responsible for the atrocities committed on SC/ST by the State Governments concerned stating the action taken in each of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) In the guidelines on the prevention and control of crimes on Scheduled Castes issued by the Government of India on 10th March, 1980 and also on 15th April, 1985 to the State Governments, it has been indicated that it should be the personal responsibility of the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police to ensure that prompt and effecive action is taken not only by themselves but by all officers working under them. They should be made responsible for fully achieving the objectives of effectively preventing such crimes, apprehending offenders and ensuring speedy investigation and trial alongwith quick and complete rehabilitation of the victims/families.

(c) Such information is not available in the Ministry of Welfare.

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

735. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for the rehabilitation and resettlement of sulm dwellers of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras under a time bound programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Rehabilitation and resettlement of slum dwellers is a State subject and the role of the Central Government is only of providing policy guidelines. Actual projects are formulated and implemented by the State Governments out of their Annual Plan provisions in accordance with their needs and priorities.

Ban on killing of frogs

736. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has urged Government to impose a ban on the killing of frogs of Rana Tigirina and Rana Hexadectyla varieties;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made;

(c) what are the reasons for such request by the I.C.A.R.; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Department of Environment have advised the Gov-